

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For : A METHOD OF IDENTIFYING ADIPOCYTE SPECIFIC GENES,

THE GENES IDENTIFIED, AND THEIR USES

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Sir:

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO SEPTEMBER 3, 2008 OFFICE ACTION AND PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This is a response to the Office Action issued September 3, 2008 by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the September 3, 2008 Office Action was due December 3, 2008. Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time. The fee for a three-month extension of time for a small entity is FIVE HUNDRED AND FIFTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$555.00) and a check including this amount is enclosed. With a three-month extension of time, a response is now due March 3, 2009. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

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